

Extradition of Chhota Rajan

3694. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Chhota Rajan, wanted by the Indian Police in more than 20 dreaded cases is wandering in Bangkok and Thailand; and
- (b) if so, what steps his Ministry has taken to extradite him for a trial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No definite information about the whereabouts of Shri Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje alias Chhota Rajan alias Nanabhai is available.

(b) However, the Government of India has already made a request to the Thai Government for the extradition of Shri Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje alias Chhota Rajan alias Nanabhai.

Over staffed High Commissions and Embassies

3695. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian High Commissions and Embassies in some countries are heavily over staffed;
- (b) if so, whether Government have considered the desirability of reviewing the positions to scale down the staff according to the requirements in order to curtail the infructuous expenditure; and
- (c) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in the light of the recent Government's declaration in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.